

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1. (currently amended) A connector, comprising a housing (30) connectable with a mating housing (10), wherein, the connector comprising:

the a housing (30) being telescoped with having a front end connectable with the mating housing, a rear end and at least one terminal-receiving cavity extending between the ends, the rear end of the housing being formed to define at least one pushable portion configured for receiving a forward pushing force for connecting the housing with the mating housing;

a slider (41) that is movable with respect to the housing (30), the slider being formed with at least one rearwardly open escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the housing; and

a biasing member (46) provided between the slider (41) and the housing (30) and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing (30) from the mating housing (10) as the slider (41) is moved;

the housing (30) having at least one pushable portion (51) that is pushable at the time of connecting the housing (30) and the mating housing (10), and the slider (41) being formed with at least one escape groove (52) for receiving the pushable portion (51).

2. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the housing (30) has two pushable portions (51) symmetrically disposed on the housing (30).

3. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the slider (41) is movable forward and backward substantially along connecting and separating directions (CSD) of the housing (30) and the mating housing (10).

4. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the slider (41) has a substantially tubular shape for at least partly surrounding the housing (30).

5. (currently amended) The connector of claim 4, wherein the slider (41) has a substantially rectangular tubular shape and is configured to project back from a receptacle (11) of the mating housing (10) when the two housing (30) and the mating housing (10) are connected properly.

6. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the slider (41) comprises at least one pullable portion (53) ~~pullable at the time of for~~ separating the housing (30) from the mating housing (10).

7. (currently amended) The connector of claim 6, wherein two pullable portions (53) are provided substantially symmetrically on sides (51b, 51c) of the slider (41) neighboring sides (51a, 51d) where the escape grooves (52) are formed.

8. (currently amended) A connector assembly comprising:  
a housing (30) having opposite front and rear ends and a mating housing (10) that are having opposite front and rear ends, the front ends of the housing and the mating housing being connectable with one another, at least one pushable portion (51) formed on the rear end of the housing (30) and configured for pushing the housing (30) toward the mating housing (10) to achieve connection;

a slider (41) movable with respect to the housing (30) and at least partly surrounding the housing (30), the slider (41) being formed with at least one rearwardly facing escape groove (52) for receiving the pushable portion (51) of the housing (30); and

a biasing member (46) provided between the slider (41) and the housing (30) and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing (30) from the mating housing (10) as the slider (41) is moved.

9. (currently amended) The connector assembly of claim 8, wherein the mating housing (10) includes a receptacle (11) for receiving at least portions of the housing (30) and the slider (41).

10. (currently amended) The A connector assembly of claim 8 comprising:

a housing and a mating housing that are connectable with one another, at least one pushable portion formed on the housing and configured for pushing the housing towards the mating housing to achieve connection;

a slider movable with respect to the housing and at least partly surrounding the housing, the slider being formed with at least one escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the housing; and

a biasing member provided between the slider and the housing and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing from the mating housing as the slider is moved, wherein

the mating housing (10) includes a resilient displacing portion (20) which is resiliently displaceable to interfere with the slider (41) during the connection and separation of the housings (30, 10) while being restored so as not to interfere with the slider (41) when the two housings (30, 10) are connected properly.